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Bill that empowers Muslim women passed by Lok Sabha.

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Muslim women can now perform Haj Pilgrimage without male guardian.

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Preference given to women in Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Passport rules eased for single mothers.

"Our dream of New India is an India powered by its women. It is an India where Nari Shakti is empowered, strengthened and becomes an equal partner in the all-round development of the country."

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
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Mysuru, Thursday 8th March 2018

Better late than never

The idiom *Better late than never,* attributed to Geoffrey Chaucer (1343-1400), considered the greatest English poet of the Middle Ages achieving fame as an author, philosopher, astronomer and bureaucrat, who also composed a scientific treatise on the astrolabe (an instrument used by astronomers to study celestial bodies), is often used to acknowledge (perhaps begrudgingly) that something has *finally* occurred. Residents of Mysuru in particular and of virtually all other cities across the country may be mentally invoking the idiom after their unending appeals to the civic authorities to provide various services and facilities in the city are addressed, even after a long wait. This daily is playing a unique role in connecting the residents with the city's urban local body by regularly publishing images of sites across the city serving as visual proof of the delayed restoration of its infrastructure in a state of disrepair. However, the national scene features citizens complaining and government agencies remaining in slumber for days and months on end, if not longer.

The case of cities rising in numbers and hosting residents increasingly all over the country, in addition to the movement of rustic population to urban spaces is not only a different kettle of fish but also getting out of hand witnessing the successive governments doing their best to address the hardship of the citizens. The resulting scenario may prompt somebody to modify the idiom to *Better never than late.*

Stopping the cities from hosting residents with increasing density of human beings and also automobiles as well as arresting the exodus of rural folk into urban spaces have apparently proved to be a lost cause in the administration's lap. Bengaluru, described in glorious terms as garden city, paradise of senior citizens and so on where the residents basked in salubrious weather throughout the year not too long ago has fallen into bad times, rather made to be so only to be described as *forbidden city.* Measures to even *partially* de-congest the city are bound to face stiff resistance from the resistance, barring a small fraction of its nearly 13 million headcount.

One more emerging feature of land-owners in rural areas parting with their traditional asset for cash calls for action to support voluntary groups pursuing programmes to demonstrate that farming can provide dependable livelihood with higher incomes than seeking jobs in cities. The idiom's message is loud and clear.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

We defile monuments by carving on the walls our undying love for someone. We overstay, wander off in national parks, pluck leaves and flowers and break branches. We drive without putting on a seatbelt, use the cellphone while driving. We disrespect all limits — speed, drinking, decibel level of horns, number of passengers on vehicles. *Inclusive:* ***Rule-ignoring is inclusive. Everyone does it — class, caste, education, marital status, fitness no bar. All of us litter in public places, buy tickets in the black market, ignore stop-signs, negotiate with cops when caught, jump queues, park/drive on footpaths, or overtake on the wrong side. We smoke in the open, let our pets poop in the street and dump construction debris where people walk. We occupy public space with ramps outside homes. Is there an end to this list? Rule-breaking is a great leveller: no one gets punished. If you're caught red-handed by a misguided watchman or an idealistic cop, you know how to wriggle out.***

— Geeta Padmanabhan in The Hindu.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Icy Mercedes !

Moscow: A motorist from the Russian city of Novosibirsk teamed up with a local ice sculptor to create a unique Mercedes G-Class SUV using blocks of ice mounted on a metal chassis and powered by an old engine.

Vladislav Barashenkov, the host of Garage 54, a popular *YouTube* channel focusing on cars, recently went viral for an invention that's as outrageous as it is cool – a budget version of the Mercedes G-Class luxury SUV made largely out of clear blocks of ice. Although riding in it isn't as smooth as a real G-Class. It's not clear what the ice sculptor used to glue all the blocks together, but the body is definitely sturdy enough to endure a ride on flat surfaces. I don't think it can handle rough terrain, as a more serious bump would probably cause the ice to crack. If driving in a five-tonne ice SUV conspicuous enough, Barashenkov also fitted it with color LED lights which refracted through the blocks of ice, attracting even more attention.

Love-tree !!

Berlin: The Bridegroom's Oak, a 500-year-old tree just outside of Eutin, in Germany, has its own postal address and actually receives around 40 letters every day. They are sent by love seekers from all around the world, in the hope that someone will read them and write back. The legendary love story. begins in 1890, a local girl named Minna fell in love with a young chocolate maker named Wilhelm, but her father, who opposed. Instead of giving up, the two started exchanging love letters in secret, by leaving them in a knothole of the tree we now know as the Bridegroom's Oak. After about one year, Minna's father found out and gave them permission to marry. The couple's story spread around Eutin and the surrounding area, and soon, people unable to find love the conventional way started writing romantic letters and leaving them in the tree's knothole. Does writing to the Bridegroom's Oak actually work? Well, the local news channel reports that it has been responsible for at least 100 marriages, but if you're still not convinced, just ask Karl Heinz Martens, the postman who has been delivering letters to the tree for the last 20 years.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is there a diet that reverses heart disease?

A strictly plant-based diet has been shown to not only halt the progression of heart disease, but actually reverse the condition, opening up clogged arteries. Plant foods have proven to do what statin drugs can't.

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Poorna Prajna Vidya Kendra celebrates 13th anniversary

Mysuru, Mar.8 - Parents and teachers play a big role in the development of a child and hence children should learn to respect them, said *Zee* TV *Sarigamapa* fame second runner-up M.R. Sriharsha.

He was speaking as one of the chief guests at the 13th anniversary celebrations of Poorna Prajna Vidya Kendra (run by Nagarika Vedike in Kuvempunagar) at Ganabharathi auditorium here recently. He also entertained the students and audience through his melodious singing.

Kushi, international yoga exponent and brand ambassador, *Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan* for Mysuru, speaking as another chief guest said that yoga helped a lot to maintain good health. Mysuru had bagged top spot twice earlier in the *Swachh Bharat* campaign but slipped to the fifth spot recently. However, this time the students and the parents should join hands and see that it regains the top spot she said and read out an oath.

Nagarika Vedike President B. Basavaiah presided. School Committee President Lion J. Lokesh, Secretary Kullegowda and other members were present. Prizes were distributed to students who had excelled in various sports and cultural events. On the occasion, senior members of the Vedike were feted.

Selected for training at Infosys

Mysuru, Mar. 8 - **P. Pratyush,** an 8th standard student of JSS Public School in SJCE campus, has been selected for the phase-2 training of *The Spark, Catch Them Young (CTY)* training at the Infosys Campus in Mysuru for two weeks. Spark, CTY selection was conducted by Infosys on Jan.21 where students from various schools of Mysuru had taken part. Pratyush is the son of P. Praveen and S. Soumya, residents of Vijayanagar 2nd stage. The training will start from Apr.16.

Really...?

- ***Blueberries: Packed with antioxidants, blueberries can do a lot to protect the brain. They contain anthocyanin, a phytochemical which boosts memory. The antioxidants in the berries can slow the aging process by delaying the oxidation process and fighting free radicals, which have been linked with memory loss problems. Blueberries are also a great source of flavonoids, natural compounds that can enhance spatial memory and learning.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A shop near the District Court put up a sign-board bearing these words: *"Letters typed in three languages."*

The next day, a rival shop across the road displayed a bigger board saying: *"Photostat copies prepared in all languages!"*

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WOMEN'S DAY

Celebrated in different parts of City

South Western Women Railway Association President Bandhana Gupta launching the sanitary napkin vending machine at City Railway Station this morning as other members of the Association look on.

Mysuru, Mar.8 (RK,MTY& NNN)- The International Women's Day-2018 was celebrated in different part of the city today with the theme "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives."

As part of the Women's Day, the President of the South Western Women's Railway Association Bandana Gupta inaugurated a sanitary napkin dispensing machine at the City Railway Station ladies washroom, this morning.

Women can put Rs. 5 coin in the vending machine and collect the napkin. There is also an incinerator placed next to the machine to dispose of the used sanitary napkin. The dispenser costs Rs.15,000 while the incinerator costs Rs.10,000.

The others present at the Railway Station were Vice Presidents of the Association Shika Jain and Kavitha Sinha, Secretary Sachi Rani members Nirmala, Komalatha, and Bubbu Yadava.

MLA M.K. Somashekar inaugurated the event organised by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat and Women and Child Welfare Department at the Town Hall premises.

Addressing the gathering, he said that women are empowered today and also enjoying a lot more freedom than in the past as they have entered all walks of life, be it in science and technology, flying aircraft and piloting trains.

However, the government too is initiating a lot of programmes for the safety of the women and action is being taken against those committing atrocities on them, he added.

Mayor B. Bhagyvathi, former Zilla Panchayat President Pushpa Amarnath, Women and Child Welfare Department Deputy Director K. Radha and others were present. Nearly 500 women from different parts of the district and taluk participated.

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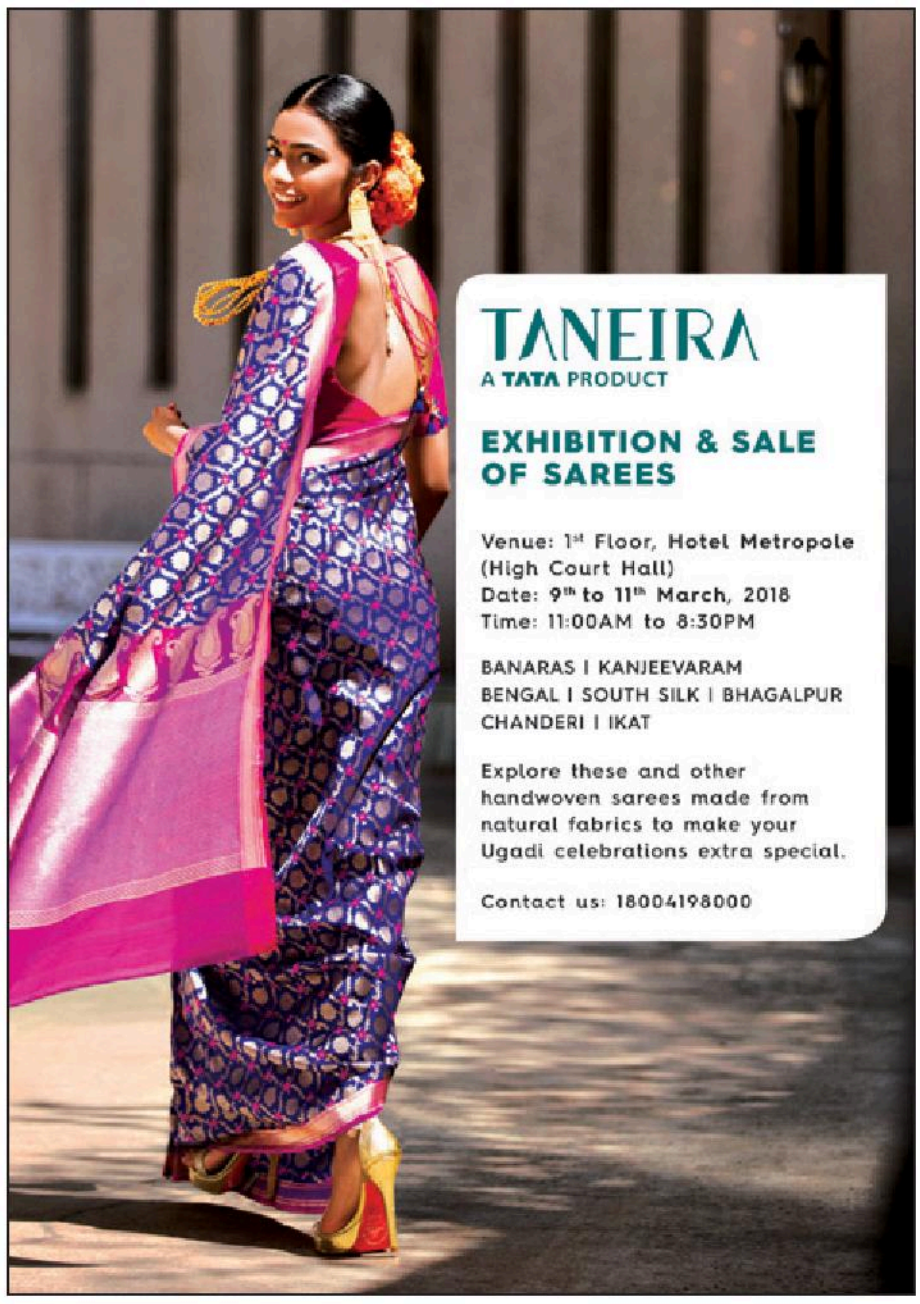
By Satish Acharya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NEWS BRIEFS

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for kids by A. Sripathi, Social Worker, Mysuru, on Mar.10 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

Indoor gardening

District Horticulture Society, Mysuru, is organising a training programme on Indoor Gardening and registrations have commenced from Mar.2. Only 100 registrations will be permitted on a fee of Rs.50. Registrations can be done at the Society's office in Curzon Park.

Kannada exam results

Kannada Sahitya Parishat has published the results of Kannada Pravesha, Kava, Jana and Ratna examinations held during 2017-18 at the respective exam centres in the State and also uploaded to www.kasapa.in; Marks Cards and certificates will be sent to candidates shortly. Applications for re-totalling should be sent within one month of despatch of marks cards. For details call: 080-26623584.

Free camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli, has organised a free health screening camp for women, to mark Intl. Women's Day celebrations, from Mar. 8 to 18 between 9 am and 4 pm. For details, call Mob: 95915-88885 or Ph: 0821-2548231/ 433.

'Pujari' from Bangarpet cons woman at Hootagalli

Flees with 50-gram mangalsutra on her 23rd Wedding Anniversary Day

Mysuru, Mar.8 (RK&BCT)- Is an organised gang roaming around in city targeting women to part with their gold jewellery? A couple of incidents in and around Hootagalli prove this. The women are promised of good fortune, better health and are made to remove gold ornaments and place them inside small vessels that contain rice and a few threads. A puja ritual is held where the attention of women is diverted and the valuable stolen.

One such incident has been reported from Hootagalli where a woman was relieved of her mangalsutra worth Rs.1.50 lakh. Conmen successfully convinced the woman to remove her 50-gram mangalsutra and place it in a steel container containing rice. She was asked to open the container later. And when she did, she found the mangalsutra missing.

The woman is N. Annapoorna, wife of A.N. Ananthkumar and a resident of First Main, 5th Cross, Patel Nagegowda Layout in Hootagalli. She is in a state of shock and is unable to come to terms that she has lost her mangalsutra to criminals.

An FIR has been registered at Vijayanagar Police Station in this regard. According to complainant given by Annapoorna, on Mar.5 at around 12 noon, a man wearing saffron clothes, a coloured headgear with vibhuthi on his forehead approached her when her husband was away.

A shocked N. Annapoorna; The container with rice grains, stones and threads.

"He told me that he was from Bangarpet in Kolar and would pray for the well-being of my family. I trusted him and he told me to remove my mangalsutra and place it in a small container that contained rice, stones and a few threads. He repeatedly told me to trust him," the woman narrated.

"The mangalsutra had 40 grams, 6-gram thali and 4-gram golden beads. He placed the mangalsutra inside the container and sat inside the hall of my house to perform puja.

After the puja rituals, he covered the container with a cloth and tied it with threads. He asked me to open the container after 30 minutes. Later I found the mangalsutra missing," she said.

Annapoorna later alerted her neighbours who went in search of the man in vain. Later when her husband Ananthkumar returned with her children, she narrated the incident to him.

Ananthkumar told *Star of Mysore* that a day or two before the incident, one woman selling hairpins, threads and needles came to the locality and met some locality women and told them that a pujari from Bangarpet had magic in his hands and he could cure all ailments.

She even said that her father was completely cured by the pujari. To make her point more convincing, the woman told the locality woman that the pujari will come to their houses in one or two days and asked them to make best use of that. She also told them that the pujari will not visit one area twice.

As per the information given by the woman, the pujari came to the locality on Mar.5 and he went to the house of Lakshmakka of Hootagalli.

Fortunately, before he could begin his puja rituals, Lakshmakka's husband returned to the house and he asked the pujari to leave the place. Next, he went to the house of Annapoorna and was successful in conning her.

Her husband told *SOM* that his wife believed the woman who gave information about the pujari and could relate when the pujari visited his house. "Mar.5 was our 23rd wedding anniversary and I had gifted a mangalsutra just a few days back. Unfortunately my wife lost the valuable as she fell for the conman's words," he said.

Cautioning women, Police have asked them to be careful when entertaining strangers when their husbands were away from the houses.

"These people come in the guise of spiritual gurus, mixer, fan and boiler repair men and they are experts in attention diversion," the Police said. If women come across such people, they must inform the locality and the Police, they added.

Man who stabbed Lokayukta sent to 5-day Police custody

Bengaluru, Mar.8- Tejraj Sharma, who stabbed Karnataka Lokayukta Justice P. Vishwanath Shetty at the Lokayukta office in Bengaluru yesterday, has been remanded to Police custody for five days.

P. Vishwanath Shetty

The accused was produced before a Magistrate at 3 am today and he was sent to Police custody.

Karnataka's most senior anti-corruption officer, its Lokayukta, was hospitalised yesterday after he was stabbed repeatedly. Justice Vishwanath Shetty, a former High Court Judge who was named the State's anti-corruption ombudsman last year, was attacked by 33-year-old Tejraj Sharma who went to him with a complaint and was told that the case had been shut.

Tejraj Sharma had complained about not getting a contract he had applied for. Justice Shetty reportedly told him that his case was examined and shut. "Something happened, he lost his temper, took out a knife from his pocket and stabbed Justice Shetty two-three times before being restrained," said a Police Officer.

Justice Shetty, 73, who sustained major injuries in his chest and abdomen, underwent a four-hour surgery at Mallya Hospital located close to the office. "He is conscious and speaking," Dr. Diwakar Bhat of the Hospital said.

Tejraj Sharma

Sharma, a furniture businessman, entered the Lokayukta office armed with a knife around 12.45 pm. The weapon had gone unnoticed since the metal detector at the main entrance was dysfunctional.

It was around 1.50 pm that he walked into the Lokayukta's chamber and attacked him. Security personnel and other staff members rushed in when Justice Shetty raised an alarm and found him in a pool of blood. He was immediately taken to hospital.

CM orders probe

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and his Cabinet colleagues visited Justice Shetty in the hospital.

Siddharamaiah said he had ordered a high-level probe into the incident and security would be beefed up.

In a State heading for elections, the incident immediately set off a political slug-fest. The Opposition BJP, which has been raising law and order as an electoral plank, said it would launch a campaign around this issue.

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh called up the Chief Minister to express concern over the incident.

State Home Minister Ramalinga Reddy said, security would be beefed up all around the Secretariat like for the Parliament complex in New Delhi.

Disruption in water supply

Mysuru, Mar.8 (KS)- As repair works are taken up at Devaraya Canal which supplies water to Belagola Pumping Station, the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam will be stopping the supply of water to the canal and hence water cannot be pumped at Begagola Pumping Station on Mar.9 and 10 leading to disruption in supply of water in the following areas:

Mar.9: Nazarbad, Mandi Mohalla, Devaraja Mohalla, Metagalli Industrial Area, Krishnamurthypuram, Ashokapuram and Vidyaranyapuram.

Mar.10: Bannimantap A, B and C Layouts, Eeranagere, Siddique Nagar, Shivaratreeshwara Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Bade Makhan, Aleem Nagar, J.P. Nagar, Lakshmipuram, Krishnamurthypuram, Ashokapuram, Vidyaranyapuram, Industrial Suburb, Vishweshwaranagar, Dharam Singh Colony, Nachanahallipalya and other surrounding areas, according a press release.

Obituary

Puttegowda

Mysuru, Mar.8- Puttegowda (83), father of Dr. S.P. Yoganna, passed away yesterday at Saligrama in K.R. Nagar taluk.

He leaves behind sons Dr. S.P. Yoganna and S.P. Jagadish, daughter S.P. Sukanya and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Saligrama today, according to family sources.

M. Lokanath

M. Lokanath (59), Officer at the Central Office of Southern Railways and a resident of Sharadadevi Nagar, passed away in city last evening.

He leaves behind his wife, four daughters, sons-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

He is the brother of retired ACP Shashikumar.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

VOICE OF THE READER

Trouble in linking Aadhaar with Bank account

Sir,

Today my relatives, aged 70 plus, approached State Bank of India, KM Puram Branch, Mysuru for linking their Aadhaar number with their respective bank account at the above branch.

Both the Aadhaar numbers of my relatives have only year of birth as per the old format. The bank's software has complete date of birth in the Aadhaar segment to proceed with linking process. The Manager tried with inserting the date of birth as per the respective PAN card data but could not succeed to link with bank account as the UIDAI data base does not have the date of birth stored since the Aadhaar numbers were issued as per the older format. Please clarify if all those whose Aadhaar numbers were issued with only year of birth, as per older format should mandatorily get it updated with full date of birth so as to be able to link with bank account or for any other purpose?

Secondly, the provision to update one's Aadhaar with date of birth at any home computer, by uploading the scanned copy of acceptable document has been disabled. This makes a visit to an approved centre a must. And the waiting time is long. Will UIDAI kindly restore this provision to ease the process?

Thirdly, the finger biometric scanning equipment at many of the banks and approved centres do not correctly capture the impression and more time is lost or worse the task itself is abandoned with no alternative. What is the UIDAI suggestion to remedy this issue?

—Prof. B.S.Shankara (retd.)
Mysuru
1.3.2018

Short-term training at CIST

Mysuru, Mar. 8- The Centre for Information Science & Technology (CIST), University of Mysore, Manasagangothri, is offering the following short-term training programmes from April 1: 2D Animations; 3D studio Max; Action script; Video Editing; Computers & operating system; Web Designing; Image editing; Designing with Corel Draw; DTP; Educational Information Technology; IT awareness courses; IT awareness for housewives & working women; Java & J2EE; Office automation; Oracle and others between 9 am - 11 am & 4 pm - 6 pm. For details contact Ph: 2419360 / 2415389, according to CIST Hon. Director Dr. S. Mahendra Kumar.

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Women's Day
at Jaganmohan Palace

Mysuru, Mar. 8- Navodaya Charitable Society, Srirampura, will be celebrating Women's Day on Mar.10 at 10 am at Jaganmohan Palace. Sr. Siji Madapallikadu, Provincial Councilor, Adorers of the Blood of Christ- Bengaluru, will inaugurate at 10.30 am. Nagalakshmi Bai, Chairperson, State Commission for Women, will be the chief guest. Rev. Fr. Francis, Director of Don Bosco Makkalalaya, Rev.Fr. Raymond, Parish Priest, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Ningamma, KSRTC Driver, Dr. Sushma, Surgeon, Mission Hospital, Chudamani, GP President, Srirampura, Savitha, District Supervisor, Sr. Marykutty, Superior of Aradhana Convent, Srirampura, B.G. Latha, Bank Manager, Kaveri Grameena Bank, Jayapura, M.S. Savithri, Senior Advocate and Vijaya, Nava Chethana Women Federation President will be the guests of honour.

Post Office shifted

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (KS)- Following renovation of the building, the Mysuru Fort Post Office located in CADA Office premises will be temporarily shifted to K.R. Circle Post Office building from today (Mar. 8), according to Senior Superintendent of Posts.

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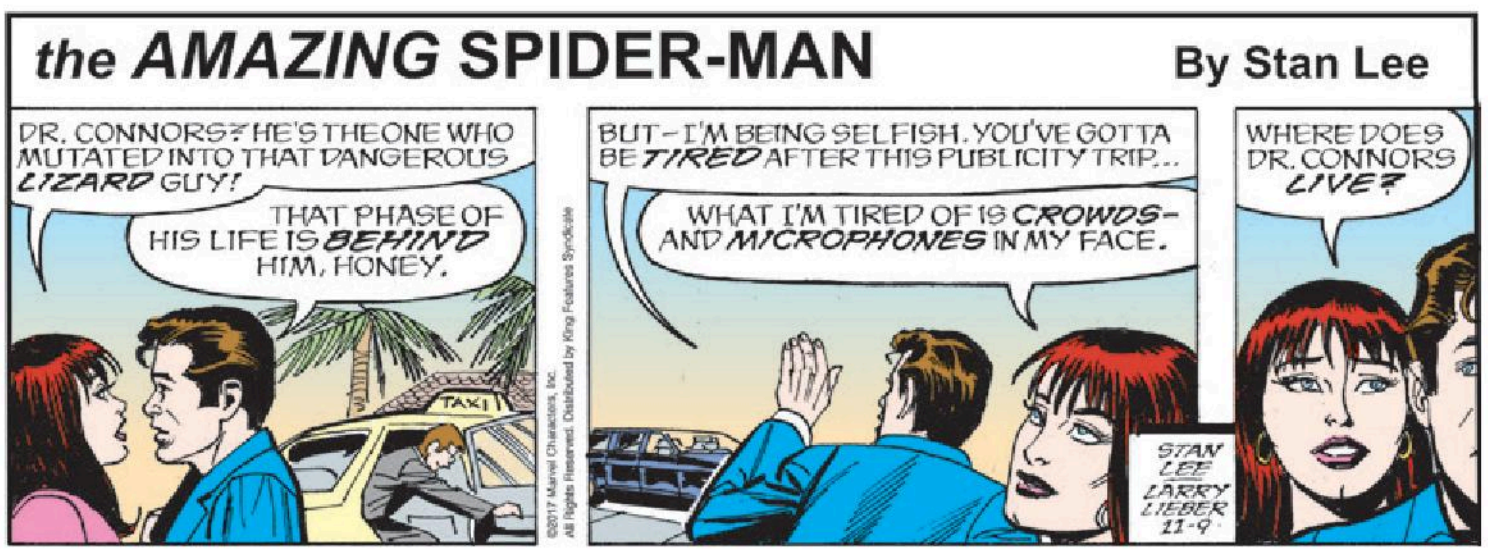
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Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Evolution of the Devil

In the Old Testament there is the concept of the serpent who tempts Eve in the garden of Eden, but one is not clear if the creature is supernatural or the Devil. In the Judaic Tanakh, the Devil is a heavenly prosecutor who appears on behalf of God. In the Islamic tradition, he is an angel who refuses to bow to man and so incurs God's wrath. And, in later traditions, he is an angel who is allowed to rule over fallen angels and tempt God. The idea of Devil as the opposite of God comes much later, perhaps when the Jewish tribes were exposed in Persia to Zoroastrian mythology where Ahura Mazda has an opposite in the Angra Manyu. All these tales of the Devil, popular in ancient times, do not actually visualise the red-coloured, horned, cloven hoofed Devil as we do so today or see him as living in a 'fiery' Hell, torturing souls. This depiction of the Devil is relatively recent, less than 500 years old.

The Gospel of Matthew states that on the Day of Judgement, Jesus shall separate the sheep (those who were obedient to God) from the goats (those who were independent minded and, so, disobedient). The sheep will be to his right, and go to heaven, and goats to the left, and go to hell. This scene is depicted in a sixth century mosaic known as 'The Last Judgement in Ravenna', in the Basilica of Sant' Apollinare Nuovo, Italy. Here, a red angel sits on the right of Jesus helping him with the sheep, while a blue angel sits on his left helping him with the goats. This blue angel is considered the first depiction of the Devil in Christian art. Then, 500 years later, at the last judgement mural at Torcello Cathedral in Venice, we find for the first time hell being depicted as full of fire where people are being tortured by blue-winged devils. From the 16th century onwards, the Devil appeared as a goat-like creature. Those who opposed God were called Devil-worshippers. The form came from Pan, the half-goat god of Greek mythology associated with wilderness and from Hades, god of the underworld.

The Hindu idea of hell also evolved over time. In the Vedas, it is a dark place for all those people who do bad things in life and do not respect rituals. There is no reference to pain and suffering here. This is first mentioned in Shatapatha Brahmana, so 2,800 years ago. The idea of multiple hells appears in the Manusmriti, which is less than 2,000 years old. Elaborate descriptions of multiple hells with multiple punishments for different crimes comes in Puranic literature, roughly 1,500 years ago. Yama oversaw the punishments along with his accountant Chitragupta. In 10th century Cambodia, in Hindu temples such as Angkor Wat, we do see depiction of Paradise and Hell.

Were these Hindu ideas influenced by Buddhist and Jain ideas of multiple hells below the earth where there is more suffering, and multiple heavens above the earth where there is less suffering? Or was it the other way round? Did these ideas come from ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia where the idea of hell is first articulated, or did these ideas emerge in India independently? These are ideas that need exploring.

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Mysore Travel Mart: A perspective

By N.K.A. Ballal,
Retd. Sr. Vice-President, ITDC

The Incredible India Campaign-2 is about to take off and this occasion could have been used by the Karnataka Government to impress Union Tourism Minister K.J. Alphons to include Mysuru in that campaign.

What was unique about the 4th edition of the Travel Mart held in J.K. Grounds, Mysuru this year? It was the presence of the Union Minister of Tourism [independent charge] K.J. Alphons, as chief guest. Mysore Travel Mart is organised by the stake-holders of tourism industry and very conspicuous by their absence were the Karnataka Tourism officials. Amazing show and that too without any active financial and moral support from the local Karnataka Government. The only local representative was a Dy. Director Rank official ! Where were the Mayor, the local MLA or the Secretary [Tourism]? Mysore Travel Mart was not a private function but a public function where the Union Minister had come officially representing the Central Government.

Ballal

I have travelled with Union Ministers on official tours of different States. They are pampered by the local States since the Ministry has huge funds at their disposal which the Minister can distribute at his whims and fancies. Frankly, first time I have witnessed a situation where a Union Minister was completely ignored and neglected by the State Tourism officials and that too when he had come on an official visit.

One can understand, the local MLA and other politically connected persons not attend the function due to their political affiliations, but did the officials also get discreet instructions not to attend this function which benefited Mysuru? The Government of India has enormous funds at their disposal and we just have to tap them to get projects for this city. For example, Brindavan Gardens require a lot of funding for its renovation and the State does not have that kind of money. What is required is some local initiative and enterprise to get a good DPR [Detailed Project Report] done to get the funding for such a huge project.

Alphons did notice the absence of the local Minister and officials and mentioned it in his speech. It was heartening to see him admonish someone on the front seat for using the cell phone during his address. He also warned some sections of the crowd that he would walk out if they did not keep quiet. Tourism in India is growing at 15 percent when it is growing at 5 percent all over the world. Karnataka and Mysuru have had a negative growth of nearly 5 percent last year. A matter of grave concern. 40 percent of Mysuru depends on tourism and hence it was important that Alphons be given his due respect of his position and the Government of Karnataka failed to do so.

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I fail to understand the demand for a Convention Centre in Mysuru, when Bengaluru with an International Airport does not have one? One requires direct international and several domestic flights to a city to make the Convention Centre viable. It is a huge investment and is not at all viable at present with a single flight in and out of Mysuru.

In Delhi, there is a saying *Mantri ka ishaara kaafi hai.* For example, in a casual conversation with his PA, if the Minister mentions that he likes Mysuru *masala dosa,* the news goes round and thereafter one can see Mysuru *masala dosa* in every meal served to the Minister. Taking a cue from this, I observed that Alphons was very animated when he was discussing the 30 second video the Ministry has made on Yoga. Ten days discussion for a 30 second film ! This clearly indicated that yoga is very dear to him.

The Minister's suggestion to the local travel agents to make a 30 second video is a positive one. The existing video can be slickly and professionally edited. Taking the cue from the Minster's speech, the new video should be slick and modern too. Some more photos of yoga can be incorporated in the video instead of the dances shown against the backdrop of the Palace.

Recently I saw an article about a yoga student from Mysuru who has won several gold medals in yoga competitions. Why not do a new photo shoot with her in front of the Palace? The title of the video "Incredible India-Mysuru." Once the Minister approves the video, the *babus* in the Ministry have no say in the matter. If this video becomes a part of the Incredible India Campaign, Mysuru can reap rich dividends.

The title of "Yoga Capital" is slowly going out of our city. It is time all the yoga centres in the city bury their differences and unite to conduct an International Yoga Festival in Mysuru, an annual affair, a combination of spiritual and yoga, a novelty. I am sure that the Central Government would partly sponsor this event, considering the Minister's liking for this subject. Please unite for the sake of Mysuru otherwise Rishikesh would gradually take over the crown, as hinted by the Minister.

Last but not the least, a small piece of advice for the organisers. Please leave politics to the politicians, personnel opinions should not be aired on public platforms. I was also disappointed that big travel agents of Mysuru like Salian and Mahalinga did not participate in this Mart. One should try to bury the difference and project a united front for the sake of Mysuru.

The list of buyers does look impressive and I have been informed that some "FAM" tours have been arranged for these visiting travel agents. Good luck to the organisers Prashanth and Jayakumar, who have put up an excellent show with their limitations. I wish that they take up the challenge of the Minister and do try to conduct a spiritual and yoga fest in Mysuru this year ?

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Bhramara Lifetime Awards presentation on Mar.10

Mysuru, Mar.8-Two doctors from JSS Medical College, Mysuru and one doctor from Chennai have won the Bhramara Lifetime Awards - 2018. The awards would be presented at a function on Mar. 10 at 11.30 am at Rajendra Auditorium, JSS Medical College, Bannimantap.

Dr.H.Basavanagowdappa

Dr. Shama Sundar

Dr. V. Rajan Iyer

The Bhramara Trust of Y.T. and Madhuri Thathachari will present Bhramara's Lifetime Achievement Awards in the presence of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Srikshetra, who will deliver the benediction. *Padma Shri* Dr. D.R. Kaarthikeyan, Advisor, Law-Human Rights-Corporate Affairs, and former Director, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Director General, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and Special Director General, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), will preside. Dr. S. Sacchidanand, Director of Medical Education Department, Karnataka, will be the chief guest. Dr. Col. Rajendra Chaturvedi, Chairman, "Drishti" and former Director of JSS Hospital, Mysuru, will be the guest of honour.

AWARDEES

Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Professor and Principal, JSS Medical College and Dean, Faculty of Medicine, will receive the Bhramara Lifetime Service Award for Medical Education and Research. He has presented over 165 Papers in various academic forums, given numerous prestigious orations and won many awards. He has ignited interest in research among the students and faculty of the JSS Medical College. He is an able administrator, an endearing colleague, an inspiring teacher and a caring Physician.

Dr. Shama Sundar, Professor of Anatomy, JSS Medical College and ex-Dean, Faculty of Bio-Medical Sciences, JSS University, will receive the Bhramara Lifetime Award for Research and Service to Society. He has published more than 40 papers in highly reputed medical journals and has established the first Plastination Museum in India. In Neuroscience research, he has created the First Alzheimer's animal model and the second Depression Brain Bank in the world. He started JSS Body Donation Association in the College 23 years ago and has a record registration of 2,968 plus people for donation of their bodies. He has conducted more than 5,000 operations almost free, taking only medicine charges from poor and needy people since the last 33 years.

Dr. V. Rajan Iyer (late) will be given posthumously the Bhramara Lifetime Award for Service to Humanity. He was the Director of Metaphysical Energy Medicine Unit at the TAG-VHS Diabetes Research Centre in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He delivered the metaphysical energy through acupuncture points to cure patients. He corrected Microcellular imbalances through infusion of Macrocosmic energy via the acupuncture needle points. He had several years of experience in this modality of healing human illness. Well-documented, computerised data show that in several hundreds of cases, in a variety of acute and chronic clinical conditions, they have had very promising results through the use of energy medicine.

Dr. C.V. Krishnaswami, the famous Diabetologist, is the Chairman and Prof. B.M. Hegde, former Vice-Chancellor of Manipal University, is the Co-Chairman of TAG-VHS Diabetes Research Centre. The JSS Hospital, Mysuru, had arranged a three-day camp on Oct. 24, 25 and 26 where Dr. Rajan Iyer treated the patients.

The most significant contribution of Dr. Rajan Iyer was to improve the insulin; like activity (reflected in the increase of C-Peptide value in the blood) of Type 1 diabetes/or Juvenile Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus (JIDDM). This monumental work resulted in the publication of the Scientific Paper "Fasting C- Peptide Response and its Clinical Impact in Type 1 Diabetics to a Novel Metaphysical Energy Healing Therapy-Preliminary Experience and Observations" in the Journal of Diabetes Mellitus (JDM). Other papers are also either published or under publication in highly rated peer reviewed international medical journals. He treated (cured or relieved) thousands of patient; rich or poor free of charge throughout his period at TAG-VHS DRC. Unfortunately, he passed away on Nov.19, 2016 in Coimbatore.

Music concerts at Krishna Gana Sabha

Mysuru, Mar.8- Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Mysuru, has organised its 16th annual celebrations at Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, from Mar.9 to 11.

Mar.9: M. Jagannath Shenoy, Managing Director, Ganesha Beedies, will inaugurate the celebrations at 6 pm. B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs, President, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, will preside.

On the occasion, **Vidu. Aishwarya Vidya Raghunath** will present a vocal recital, accompanied by Vid. Srinidhi Mattur (violin), Vid. Tumkur Ravishankar (mridanga) and Vid. Sharath Koushik (ghata).

Vidu. Aishwarya Vidya Raghunath

Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra

Mar.10 (6 pm): Vocal recital by **Vid. Ashwath Narayana.** He will be accompanied by Vid. B. Raghuram (violin), Vid. Arjun Kumar (mridanga) and Vid. S. Manjunath (ghata).

Mar.11 (9.30 am): Thyagaraja and Purandara Aradhana Mahotsava. Ghosti Gayana followed by Music programme — **Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra** (vocal), Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy (violin), Vid. G.S. Ramanujam (mridanga) and Vid. V.S. Ramesh (ghata).

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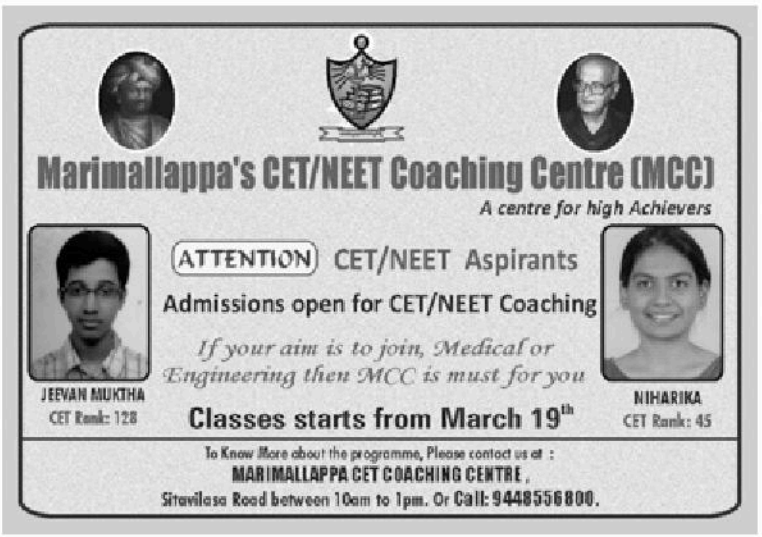
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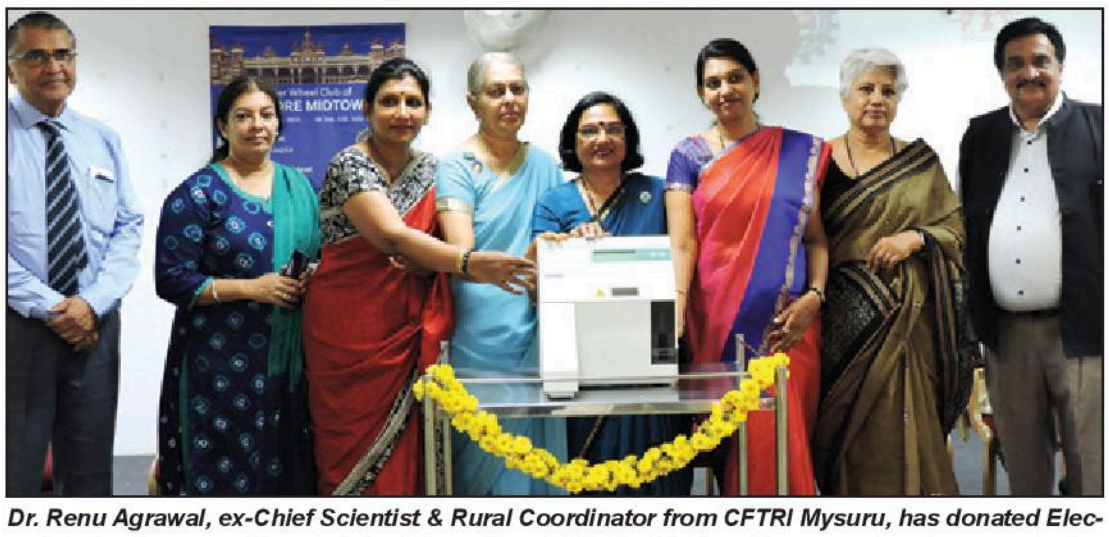
Loyal World opens its 10th branch in city

Loyal World today opened its branch at the Forum Centre in city. The Market, which is spread across 15,000 sq. ft. has 10 departments with over 50,000 products to choose from. Shabeer, Managing Director of Loyal World Groups, speaking to SOM, said that one could find the best highest quality products in the market and added that it is the 10th branch in city. He said that Loyal World has always taken potentially huge risks in the city of Mysuru to bring in great revolutions in the retail format and added that serving the city of Mysuru with the best in class and at the most affordable price has always been in the forefront of our motives. Loyal World has bagged the Best Speciality Food Store Award recently. The market is open from 10 am to 10 pm on all days.

Voter awareness rally

A cycle rally was held in city this morning to create awareness among voters ahead of Assembly polls. Disha Foundation and Association for Democratic Reforms had organised the rally. As part of the campaign, a series of rallies will be held in April and May. Over 200 people participated in today's rally led by ZP CEO P. Shivashankar and SVYM Founder Dr. R. Balasubramaniam.

Electrolyte Analyser machine donated to Asha Kirana



Dr. Renu Agrawal, ex-Chief Scientist & Rural Coordinator from CFTRI Mysuru, has donated Electrolyte Analyser machine to Asha Kirana Hospital Lab with the able support and representation by Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Midtown and CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association. Jayashri M. Urs, District Chairman, Chaitra Mohan, President, Sheela M. Urs, Geetha Krishna from Inner Wheel Midtown, Dr. Krishnamurthy, President, CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association, Mysore Chapter, Dr. Renu Agrawal, Dr. Nandini Murthy, Dr. S.N. Mothi and K.S. Gururaja, Trustees of Asha Kirana, were present.

Free Mass Marriage at Suttur on Mar.22

Suttur, Mar.8- Suttur Mutt has been organising mass marriages every month since Feb.2009 and people from all backgrounds are allowed to participate. This month, the mass marriage will be held on Mar.22.

The bridegroom should have completed 21 years and bride 18 years. The bride and the groom's photographs must be affixed on the application form.

Caste and age certificate must be obtained from the schools and attached along with the application form.

Those interested may contact the Administrator, JSS Educational Institutions, Suttur, directly eight days before the wedding.

For information call Ph: 08221-232217, 232033 or mob: 97413-42222, said Suttur Srikshetra Manager in a press release.

Yureka-18

Two-day Science Festival begins at Yuvaraja's College

Mysuru, Mar.8 (PM&US)- A two-day Science Festival *Yureka-18*, organised by Yuvaraja's College, commenced this morning at its premises here.

The Festival features events like quiz, debate, scientific rangoli, treasure hunt and code sense.

Inaugurating the programme, Mysore University In-charge Vice-Chancellor Prof. C. Basavaraju observed that science and technology should be helpful to the common man and society in general.

He contended that thanks to science the whole world had virtually become small with easy communication. However, he said that quality of education should be improved with more thrust for basic science. He suggested innovative research in science. Despite quantum leap in scientific growth, Prof. Basavaraju asserted that human values should be given importance as society was based on that.

College Principal Dr. R. Ganesh presided over the inaugural. Controller of Examination Dr. H.C. Devarajegowda, *Yureka-18* Convenor Dr. M. Rudraiah and others were present.

Teresian College Alumni Meet

Mysuru, Mar.8- Teresian Alumni Association (TAA) has organised a get-together of the old students on Mar.10 at 3 pm at its Ave Maria Golden Jubilee Auditorium in Siddarthanagar.

Prof. V. K. Jose, former Principal, Teresian College and Dr. Sr. Sajitha, Director, Teresian College, will be the chief guests.

KRS Water Level

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Today	88.74 ft
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Inflow	140 cusecs
Outflow	1005 cusecs
Last year on this date	80.90 ft

Pink Raksha team launched

*K. Radha (third from right), **Deputy Director, Women and Child Welfare Department and Dr. Pushpa Amarnath** (third from left), **former ZP President, seen with the volunteers of Pink Raksha team in city this morning.***

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (RK&BCT) - 'Pink Raksha,' a team to rescue women and children in distress was launched in city this morning as part of the International Women's Day. The team was launched at an event organised by the District Administration at the Town Hall.

The 'Pink Raksha' is an initiative of District Women and Child Welfare Department and the District Administration and is modelled on the lines of "Gulab Gang" that comes to the rescue of women in distress. They work towards justice for oppressed and abused women.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* about Pink Raksha, K. Radha, Deputy Director, Women and Child Welfare Department and Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, former ZP President said that volunteers from Pink Raksha will assist women and children who are oppressed and exploited.

"It is very sad that even children and elderly are not spared by rapists. Domestic violence has become the order of the day where educated people beat up their wives in the name of domination. We will come to the rescue of such women. Apart from rescuing them, we will provide legal assistance for them to come out of the abusive relationship and also bring the perpetrators to justice," Dr. Pushpa said.

"Each village will have one such team and whoever is interested to safeguard women and protect their interests (including men) can be Raksha volunteers. Many women who face violence do not come forward to lodge complaints. We will assist such victims and boost their confidence and self esteem," she said.

"Vulnerable groups like the women and children will be helped to regain their social stature and we will help them to fight for their rights. The concept of Gulab Gang is extremely popular in North India. We want to replicate the experiment here and stand up for women and children who face sexual, dowry-based violence and also domestic violence," Dr. Pushpa Amarnath added.

Experiencing the joy of piloting train

Loco pilot B. Usha Someshwari piloting the engine.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

She is the first woman loco pilot in the Mysuru Division of the Railways. Meet B. Usha Someshwari as she sits confidently in the loco cabin of the diesel engine. She has been piloting the trains since the last nine years and her experience so far has been one of sheer joy.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* on International Women's Day today, Usha said, "I have full support from my family and they are co-operative. Both my children, a son and a daughter also are very understanding."

Hailing from Vishakapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, Usha and her husband P. Raman had both joined the Railways at the same time after a six-month training. However, he got the job first and was posted at Tiruchanapalli. Later, when she got her posting in Mysuru, her husband also joined her here. She has experience of piloting both the goods and passenger trains and she covers Hassan, Chamarajanagar, Shravanabelogala to name a few of the Stations. "Unlike driving rashly on the road exceeding speed limits, we cannot afford to do that while running the train. There is a speed limit and every kilometre the speed is checked and we have to maintain it," she said.

Asked how she reads the signals when the lights turn to red or green, Usha said that there is no signal alert in the loco cabin and hence she is in constant touch with the guard in the last cabin through walkie-talkie.

Usha says that though it is very challenging to be a loco pilot, she would not hesitate to recommend jobs to women as it is very exciting and full of adventure.

Over 50 passengers travel in Humsafar Express on its second journey

Mysuru, Mar.8 (MTY&NNN)- The special train, Humsafar Express introduced by Indian Railways between Mysuru and Udaipur began its second run from city to Udaipur today with hardly 50 to 60 passengers, as against the 1,152 passengers the special train can ferry. The first run was flagged off on Mar.1.

The fully air-conditioned, 16-coach, three-tier train, left the Mysuru Station at 10 am and will reach Udaipur on Saturday. The train called Mysuru-Udaipur-Mysuru Palace Queen Humsafar Express takes 42 hours and 55 minutes to reach the final destination. On its return journey it will leave Udaipur on Monday at 9 pm and arrive in Mysuru on Wednesday at 4.25 pm.

The train covers a distance of 2,267 kms and will pass through Bengaluru, Davangere, Hubballi, Belagavi, Miraj, Pune, Vasai, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Chittaurgarh and finally reach Udaipur.

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LOOKING BACK . . .

Mysuru: Some Literary Horizons

By D. Lalitha Rao

Of late, the Mysuru literary world has undergone a metamorphosis. From being a city that produced memorable writers like Kuvempu and S.L. Bhyrappa, we have now moved into the 21st century, where young vibrant authors like Mahesh Rao, Aroon Raman and Lakshmi Palecanda are publishing everyday with great enthusiasm and zest.

Last year we had an unprecedented two literary festivals in which participated some of the cream of the Indian literary world like Girish Karnad, Ramachandra Guha, P. Chidambaram etc. It was delightful to hear these veterans hold forth on subjects dear to them.

Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Book Clubs 2015, held its Lit Fest at an extremely charming location, *Wind Chimes* in Nazarbad. The audience sat outside under the shade of a huge Rain tree that provided ambiance with its flowers and leaves. During a whole day of vigorous and lively discussion we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly and learnt so much. One particularly memorable session was with Air Marshal K.C. Cariappa, son of the late Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa. At the age of 80 he held us enthralled with his exploits as an Air Force Officer including his being taken prisoner of war in the 1965 conflict with Pakistan. With other participants like Anjum Hasan, Zac O'Yeah and Vikram Sampath, it was a truly memorable event. It will be wonderful if the Lit Fest becomes an annual event.

The other Lit Fest was held soon after by the Mysore Literary Association, who had invited Shashi Deshpande, Kavery Nambisan and S.L. Bhyrappa to address the audience. Apart from these veterans, we had Ramachandra Guha who made the audience sit up with his bold and controversial views. This was another memorable event in the current Mysuru social scene.

All in all the month of June 2017 was notable for its literary events. I also want to point out that in the past three years a number of book clubs both in Kannada and English have come to stay in the city. They have made Mysuru a lively forum for discussion and discourse. I am proud to belong to one such book club which holds its meetings once a month on the book of choice. We have moved from Yasmeen Premji's sensitively written *Days of Gold* and *Sepia* to Brigid Keenan's hilarious *Diplomatic Baggage* which describes the perils and pleasures of being the wife of a diplomat who can be posted in Syria one year and Uzbekistan the next. Although you cannot help feeling for her she manages to make it sound merry and interesting.

Another author we read and discussed recently was Stephen Alter, who had been shortlisted for the DSC Prize in Literature. Although he did not win, his book *In the Jungles of the Night* is a riveting partially fictionalised account of the life of Jim Corbett the legendary hunter.

A file photo of Book Club ladies with Jnanpith awardee Girish Karnad and Industrialist Jagannath Shenoy.

The reason one enjoys the book club meetings apart from the coffee and cakes, of course, is that it gives the members a sense of bonding. We live with our spouses and children, our cats and dogs, and life is pretty much routine. But attending a book club meeting is like carving out what is called **'me-time'** for us. In those couple of hours we enjoy the sharing and exchange of views and opinions.

There is another book club I run in our complex which has just about a dozen members. We are friends who meet practically every day living as we do within hailing distance of each other, yet when we don the 'bookies' mantle, the issues are thrashed out with no quarter given! The last meeting we had was on feminism in modern literature and the discussion went on for three hours, exhausting, satisfying and energetic.

One of the activities we run is the annual writing contest for the children of our community. The response always delights us and the children come up with amazing flights of imagination. At the same time I have to say that children need to read more and spend less time on computer games and their iPads and TV.

Nowadays book shops have to have a variety of goods attractive to children like water bottles, files, toys and so on. The books are tucked away somewhere on the first floor. Although it seems to be just a smart business gimmick, I long for the old fashioned type of book store that has shelf after shelf of books of a hundred varieties, and nothing but books. I wonder if such a shop will ever come to our Mysuru…

And talking of books, how can I leave you without mentioning one of my favourite libraries — the Nilgiri Library in Ooty. Housed in an imposing building more than a century-and-a-half-old, the interior is a mixture of ancient staircases, polished shelves labelled in metal letters, huge reading rooms with newspapers and magazines and a charming ambiance. Don't get me started on libraries there is no end to it! Instead next time you visit Ooty, do go to the Nilgiri Library, and then a very old and wonderful Higginbothams bookshop nearby that can lead you into all sorts of fascinating byways of fiction, history, science, children's literature and so on.

Here's wishing our glorious city many hours of Happy Reading and a Happy Women's Day too.

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International Women's Day and 34th Anniversary of GUARD

726 women trainees receive certificates

Mysuru, Mar.8 (PM&US)- GUARD (Group for Urban and Rural Development), Mysuru, in association with L&T Public Charitable Trust, Mumbai, had organised a programme at Jaganmohan Palace in city yesterday to mark its 34th anniversary and International Women's Day celebrations.

On the occasion, certificates were issued to 726 women of the district who had completed various vocational and skill training offered during 2017-18 by the two organizations under the Women Economical Empowerment Project.

Inaugurating the programme, Amit Kumar, Business Unit Head, Metering and Protection Systems, L&T, Mysuru, asked the women to effectively utilise the training they had received. He pointed out that such vocational training would help women to become economically independent and thus contribute to family income to lead a better life.

Speaking on the occasion, GUARD Secretary M.L. Sudarshana Raju said that the training scheme was initiated in 2011-12 and over the years, more than 4,000 women were trained in various fields. He pointed out that about 3,500 of them were self-employed now.

He further said that National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) had provided a loan of Rs.14.14 crore to the trained women to become self-employed.

MMC&RI Assistant Professor Dr. B. Mallika, former Chairman of Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd., Anantha, District Industries Centre Officer Meghana, Deputy General Manager - Administration and Plant Engineering, L&T, Mysuru A. Balasubramanyam and others were present.

Central Excise India F2 $15,000 Men's Tennis

City's Suraj Prabodh shocks Germany's Sami Reinwein

Kolkata, Mar.8- Qualifier **Suraj R. Prabodh** from Mysuru, representing India in the India F2 Futures $15,000 ITF Men's Tennis Tourney in Kolkata, continued his good form to score a upset win over eight seeded German Sami Reinwein 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 and entered the quarter-finals in the Men's Singles event yesterday.

In a tie which lasted for two hours and sixteen minutes, Suraj came back strongly after losing the first set at 4-6 and took the next two sets to register a upset win. He had a 66% of his first serves in while his rival could have a percentage of only 44. Suraj won 86% of his service games to his rival's 67%.

Suraj Prabodh, coached by Milos Pavlovic at the Harvest Tennis Academy, Jassowal, in the previous round had scored a good win over Serbia's Goran Markovic 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-3.

In the quarter-finals, Suraj Prabodh will meet India's Karunuday Singh today.

ITF Women's $15,000 Tennis Tourney

Dhruthi advances into quarter-finals

Bhopal, Mar.8- Mysuru girl Dhruthi T. Venugopal, representing India in the Women's ITF $15,000 Tennis Tournament at Bhopal, won her pre-quarter-finals Singles tie against sixth seeded Indian Ruthuja Bhosale 6-3, 6-0 in a tie which lasted for one hour and one minute and sailed into the quarter-finals yesterday. In the quarter-finals, unseeded Dhruthi Venugopal will meet sixth seeded Riya Bhatia of India.

In the first round, Dhruthi had scored a comfortable 6-0, 6-2 win over wild card entrant Ganeshi Aniya.

Earlier on Tuesday, India's Sai Samhitha Chamarathi and Shweta Chandra Rana combined well to beat Dhruthi Venugopal and Riya Bhatia 6-2, 2-6, 10-5 in the Women's Doubles pre-quarterfinal tie which lasted for one hour and two minutes.

Runners-Up in Inter-Collegiate Throwball Championship

The women throwball team of National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, emerged Runners-up in the VTU Inter-Collegiate Inter-Zone Championship 2017-18, organised by SJCIT, Chikkaballapura, recently. Earlier the team had won the Mysuru zone edition beating NIE-IT in finals held at GSSSIETW, Mysuru. Seen in the picture are (sitting from left) ***Punya Nanjappa (Vice-Captain), R. Kavya, Asst., PED, Dr. G. Ravi, Principal, Shankaranarayana, PED, K.R. Rakshitha (Captain);*** Standing: ***P. Chandana, R. Harshitha, L. Soundarya, M.S. Sushmitha, Pragna M. Suresh, Vaishnovi R. Kamath and M. Likhitha.***

BCCI announces new contract system

Kohli, Bhuvaneshwar in top Rs.7 crore bracket

New Delhi, Mar.8- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) yesterday announced new packages for men and women cricketers.

While captain Virat Kohli, batsment Rohit Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan and bowlers Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Jasprit Bumrah have been offered the top A+ bracket, former skipper M.S. Dhoni, Ravichandran Ashwin and others have been included in A Grade.

Cricketers in Grade A+ category will get Rs.7 crore annually while those in Grade A Rs.5 crore. Dhoni and Ashwin have been bracketed in the A category along with Ravindra Jadeja, Murali Vijay, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane and Wridhhiman Saha. These seven players would be eligible for a contract of Rs.5 crore.

The B category will feature K.L. Rahul, Umesh Yadav, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Hardik Pandya, Ishant Sharma and Dinesh Karthik.

In Grade C will be Kedar Jadhav, Manish Pandey, Axar Patel, Karun Nair, Suresh Raina, Parthiv Patel and Jayant Yadav.

The domestic match fee structure will also witness an over 200 percent hike in each category, BCCI said. Similarly, junior players have also been included in the new pay structure of BCCI.

Dhoni's demotion to second grade in the new BCCI players pay grade may be because the wicketkeeper-batsman plays only ODIs and T20Is. On the other hand, fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah, who was earlier a regular in the 50 and 20-over formats, has now also become a consistent performer in Tests.

India women cricketers too would get hefty contracts with an addition of Grade C category. Women cricketers in Grade A will get Rs.50 lakh while those in Grade B will be given Rs.30 lakh. Those in Grade C have been offered yearly remuneration of Rs.10 lakh.

World Cup stars Mithali Raj, Jhulan Goswami, Harmanpreet Kaur and Smriti Mandhana have been kept in the top bracket, under which the annual contract is worth Rs.50 lakh.

Football: East Mysore, SWR-N in drawn tie

Mysuru, Mar.8- East Mysore FC and South Western Railway (SWR-N) FC were involved in a 2-2 drawn encounter in the MDFA 'C' Division Football League 2017-18 for the Chirag Trophy played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

RESULTS — East Mysore FC: 2 (Siddiq 41, 46) drew with **SWR-N FC:** 2 (Jayesh 55, Chethan 59); **Tuesday's Match — Friends Union FC:** 7 (Mahesh 10, Supreme 16, 43, Akshay 18, Hemanth 21, Ganesh 45, Mohammed 54) bt **Lucky XI FC:** 0.

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56231/56232	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	05.50 am	09.15 am	09.20 am	12.35 pm
17326/17325	Vishwa Manava Express (Hubballi-Mysuru-Hubballi Daily)	06.10 am	8.55 am	5.45 pm	8.40 pm
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19668/19667	Palace Queen Weekly Humsafar Express (Mysuru-Udaipur City-Mysuru)	10.00 am (Thu)	12.10 pm (Thu)	01.50 pm (Wed)	04.25pm (Wed)
12578/12577	Mysore-Dharbanga Weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Sat)	09.55 am (Sat)	08.55 pm (Thu)	11.30pm(Thu)
16229/16230	Mysore-Varanasi Bi-weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Tue & Thu)	09.55 am	12.15 am (Sun & Tue)	02.50 am (Sun & Tue)
16023/16024	Mysore-Yesvantpur-Malgudi Exp.	08.20 am	11.05 am	01.30 pm	04.15 pm
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'Mysore Science Theatre Fest' from Mar.9 to 11

Mysuru, Mar.8- Science and Arts have grown tremendously over the last few hundred years. But if one were to ask about collaboration between these two knowledge streams one gets disappointed. Amongst all the art streams, Theatre, perhaps, has the greatest potential to realise this collaboration.

Keeping this in mind, **Mysore Science Theatre Festival** has been organised in city. This is the first time such a festival is being held in Karnataka.

Parivartana Ranga Samaja, Kalasuruchi and Arivu Trust have come together to host 'Mysore Science Theatre Festival-2018' at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises from Mar.9 to Mar.11.

ISRO Engineer C.R. Satya will inaugurate the three-day festival tomorrow at 6.30 pm.

The event is supported by Karnataka Nataka Academy, Karnataka State Science and Technology Academy and the Directorate of Kannada and Culture.

Mar.9 (7 pm)

Play: *Proof*

Troupe: Samatento, Mysuru

Synopsis: A popular belief is that major discoveries in Mathematics are achieved before one turns 25. Heights of mathematical capabilities and mental imbalances are also supposed to live together. These two notions have had some basis and bit of history. Question of inherited greatness in mathematics is also a subject of deep speculation. David Auburn's play 'Proof' tries to ask all these questions.

Additionally, gulf between the desires and reality in the context of academic life is also examined in this Pulitzer and Tony award winning play.

Proof tried to bring on stage several flavours — Mental illness, inheritance of mathematical orientation, feminism etc., — concurrently on stage.

Mar.10 (7 pm)

Play: *Broken Blossom*

Troupe: Parivartana Ranga Samaja, Mysuru

Synopsis: Broken Blossom is a play woven around the biological and evolutionary aspects of menstruation. During the menstruation cycle, females tend to lose lot of blood which may lead to reduction of nutrients. Getting pregnant is the only natural option available for the female to avoid menstruation. In this context, are child bearing and menopause gifts to the human feminine species? What is the relationship between long period of childhood and the role of "grand mother"in homosapiens? Inspired by Sarah Treem's 'How and Why', play Broken Blossom tries to address some of these questions.

Mar.11 (7 pm)

Play: *Copenhagen*

Troupe: Parivartana Ranga Samaja, Mysuru and Kalasuruchi, Mysuru

Synopsis: Copenhagen, a play by British Playwright Michael Frayn had a world première in 1998. Since then it has attracted huge attention in diverse fields of knowledge — theatre, physics and history. This play concerns three dead souls who try to fathom the mysteries of a meeting that took place between two of them in Copenhagen in September 1941. All three reference real people, the physicists Werner Heisenberg and Niels Bohr, and Bohr's wife Margrethe, and a real event in which the long-standing friendship and Guru-Shishya (Master-Student) relationship between Heisenberg and Bohr was put to stern test.

Seminar on 'Science, Art & Literature'

Mysuru, Mar.8- As part of Mysore Science Theatre Festival, a seminar on 'Science, Art and Literature' is organised on Mar.11.

Dr. G. Ramakrishna will inaugurate the Seminar at 10.30 am. Dr. N.D. Haridas will deliver the keynote address.

In the first session, Dr. Manjunath and Prof. K.P. Vasudevan will be presenting their views on 'Science and Theatre - Social Dynamics.' Response - Vasantha Bannadi; Compere - Prof. K.S. Mallesh.

In the second session, Dr. Sabyasachi Chatterjee and Dr. Sampige Thontadarya will share their views on 'Science and Theatre - Art of Possibilities.' Response - Prof. H.S. Umesh; Compere - Srimathi Hariprasad.

For details, contact Dr. M.C. Manohara on Mob: 99012-25074.

Checking of EVMs, VVPAT at MCC Zonal Office

Mysuru, Mar.8 (RK&NNN)-The First Level Checking (FLC) of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) is going on at the storage room in the MCC Zonal Office, opposite Vidyavardhaka College on Seshadri Iyer Road, since the last four to five days.

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep (now transferred) and the officials from the District Administration are checking the EVMs to find out if they are working properly, as the elections to the State Assembly are fast approaching.

"This is the first level of checking of the EVMs and VVPATs. Only after we are fully sure that they are completely in working order and tamper-proof, will we send a report to the Election Commission of India," said Randeep.

Once the EVMs are ready after the FLCs, the members of political parties will be asked to be present to check them and a mock poll will be conducted before them, he said.

There are 3,500 machines fitted with VVPAT and they are stored at the godown in MCC Zonal Office, out of which 40 percent are buffer stock.

Additional Deputy Commissioner T. Yogesh and other officials were present during the checking of the machines.

Role of VVPAT: The VVPAT is necessitated following complaints by various political parties regarding the tampering of voting machines. It is an adjunct machine connected to the EVM.

Once the voter casts his or her mandate by pressing a button in the EVM, the VVPAT connected to it, prints a slip containing the poll symbol and the name of the candidate.

The slip is visible to the voter from a glass case in the VVPAT for seven seconds. After this, it is cut and dropped into the drop box in the VVPAT, and a beep is heard.

Prior to voting, the VVPAT unit is calibrated to ensure that the button pressed on the ballot unit of the EVM is reflected correctly on the printed slips by the VVPAT. The presence of the slips that correspond to voter choice on the EVM helps retain a paper trail for the votes and makes it possible for the Returning Officer to corroborate machine readings of the vote if there is a dispute over the mandate in case of a close contest or if the EVM itself has been replaced due to defects before polling.

VVPAT machines can be accessed only by Polling Officers. The units are sealed and can be opened only during the counting process by the Returning Officer during contingencies.

Did CM give five star facilities to Sasikala in Central Prison?

Mysuru, Mar.8 (KMS&NNN)-Did Chief Minister Siddharamaiah himself direct the then DGP-Prisons to provide all five-star facilities to V.K. Sasikala, the close aide of late Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu J. Jayalalithaa in the Parappana Agrahara Jail?

This shocking revelation was made by the then DGP Sathyanarayana Rao before the investigation agency probing into the matter. However, as soon as this news came out, the CM has personally dismissed the claim and said that he had only directed the DGP to provide the facilities according to the Jail manual.

A delegation from TN had approached him complaining that Sasikala had not been given proper facilities. Based on the complaint, he had given this directions and never asked the jail authorities to provide her with five star facilities, the CM said. ACB (Anti Corruption Bureau) has been given the responsibility of investigating the allegations of irregularities in the Central Prison.

UoM Syndicate cancels Library Assistants' promotion

Mysuru, Mar.8 (RK&NNN)-The Syndicate of the University of Mysore (UoM) has taken a decision to cancel the promotion given to 11 Library Assistants as Assistant Librarians.

This decision was taken at the Syndicate Meeting held on Mar.5. The issue came up before the Syndicate, as it had come to light during the audit by the Accountant General's office that the promotion given to the 11 Library Assistants was invalid.

The issue was brought to the notice of the government and in turn, the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, had written a letter to the In-Charge Vice-Chancellor to cancel the promotions, said a source in the University.

The promotions were given during the term of a former Vice-Chancellor and after thorough scrutiny based on the UGC guidelines of 2006, it was found that the promotions were invalid as the Assistant Librarian's post must be a direct appointment and not through promotion, said the source.

The members of the Syndicate, on the direction of the Principal Secretary, decided to cancel the promotions given to the Library Assistants.

Chairmanship withdrawn

Another major decision taken during the meeting was to withdraw the chairmanship of former in-charge VC Prof. Dayananda Mane who was heading the Public Administration Department in UoM, besides also withdrawing him from guide duties.

This decision was taken as there is an official complaint of sexual harassment against him, which had been brought to the notice of the Syndicate.

In another case against Prof. Mane, the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB), Mysuru, has sought a report against him regarding the corruption charges with relation to the appointment of Guest Lecturers. The ACB has written to the University seeking all the details of the appointment, said the sources in the University.

Meanwhile, when *SOM* tried to contact Prof. Mane, he was not available for his reactions.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Mar.8 (KS)- The Mysuru Railway Police, yesterday found a body of an unidentified man between Naganahalli and MNGT Railway Stations.

The unidentified man, said to be about 60 years, is 5.6 ft. tall, oval-faced, wheatish complexioned, normal built and was wearing a white coloured full arm shirt, grey cotton pant, black coloured shorts and blue coloured baniyan.

The kith and kin of the deceased or those having any information about the unidentified person may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release from the Police.

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A tale of two women – City's First Citizen & Zilla Panchayat Chief

Congress party wants Mayor Bhagyavathi, who has switched her loyalties to JD(S)-BJP combine in MCC, to resign; JD(S) wants ZP President Nayeema Sultana to quit as per party directive and suspect her of taking support from Congress. Politics, after all makes strange bedfellows.

Cong. wants Mayor to resign

Complaint lodged with Regional Commissioner; notice issued to Mayor

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (RK&BCT)- Regional Commissioner (RC) Shivayogi C Kalasad yesterday served a notice on Mayor B. Bhagyavathi for allegedly involving in anti-party activities to become the Mayor. The RC has fixed the hearing of the issue to Mar. 9.

Bhagyavathi

At the Mayoral election held on Jan. 24, Bhagyavathi, a Congress Corporator, won the polls with the support of JD(S) and BJP. She defeated the official Congress party nominee R. Kamala and thereby violated the whip issued by the party to vote for the official candidate.

Bhagyavathi, who at the Eleventh Hour shifted loyalties from Congress party to JD(S)-BJP alliance, was elected as the 31st Mayor of Mysuru amidst chaotic scenes at the Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) on Jan. 24.

Following the elections, the Congress party expelled Bhagyavathi. City Congress President R. Murthy and Congress Corporator K.C. Shoukath Pasha had approached the Regional Commissioner's Court, demanding disqualification of Bhagyavathi as Corporator as she had indulged in anti-party activities.

In their representation to the RC, the Congress party members have demanded the disqualification of Bhagyavathi as she had become the Mayor through illegal means. They also appealed to the RC to stay the Mayoral election results. The RC has asked the Mayor to be present for a probe on Mar. 9 at 3 pm.

Reacting about the notice issued by the RC, Mayor Bhagyavathi told *Star of Mysore* this morning that she was following the law. "Let them issue notices on any issue. My stand is clear and I have followed the law," she said. When asked what does the law says, she said, "I am not in a position to tell you about that now."

JD(S) wants ZP President to quit

ZP Chief Nayeema Sultana reluctant to toe the party line and resign

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (RKB&BCT)- JD(S) leaders in Mysuru ZP are upset as ZP President Nayeema Sultana has refused to step down as per an internal party agreement.

Nayeema Sultana

The JD(S) that emerged as the single largest party in the ZP elections had made Nayeema Sultana President for 20 months. While being appointed, Nayeema had stiff competition from Parimala Shyam, also from JD(S) who was a strong contender. While settling the issue between Parimala and Nayeema, the JD(S) leaders allowed Nayeema to occupy the ZP Chief's post for 20 months and told her that Parimala Shyam of Antharasanthe in H.D. Kote would occupy the Chair as the next ZP President for 40 months. But Nayeema Sultana continued in the post even after 22 months, and JD(S) State President H.D Kumaraswamy intervened on the issue and directed her to resign from the post. Nayeema is reluctant to resign after the death of H.D. Kote MLA S. Chikkamadu. She also skipped the JD(S) meeting maintaining that she is not keeping well.

Yesterday, during the ZP meeting, JD(S) ZP members called on her in the office and asked her to resign as per the agreement. When Nayeema Sulthana refused to submit her resignation, a verbal duel broke out between her and party members. Nayeema Sultana has clarified that ZP President's term is 60 months and she thought of continuing for another 30 months. "I have not refused to resign. I am unhappy by the allegations by party ZP members. MLA Chikkamadu had promised me 30-month tenure. I will consult my family members before taking a decision. Even If I resign, it will not help the party due to poll code of conduct," she said. JD(S) members alleged that some Congress ZP members are misleading Nayeema and has assured her the support of Congress party as Chikkamadu's son Anil Chikkamadu has already joined Congress.

Mysuru DC Randeep transferred

Vijayapura DC K.B. Shivakumar is new Mysuru DC

K.B. Sivakumar

Bengaluru, Mar. 8- Within 48 hours of withdrawing the previous notification transferring IAS officers, the State government issued a fresh notification yesterday transferring 12 officers, including Mysuru Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep and Hassan DC Rohini Sindhuri Dasari.

While Sindhuri has been transferred as Commissioner of Department of Employment and Training in Bengaluru, Randeep has been posted as Deputy Commissioner of Hassan. Sindhuri was transferred along with six other IAS officers on Jan. 22. The Election Commission raised objection to the transfer of officers engaged in the revision of electoral rolls till Feb. 28.

Following the objection, the transfer order was put on hold. The Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms issued a notification on Mar. 5 withdrawing the transfer of five of the seven IAS officers, who were transferred as per the Jan. 22 notification.

Rohini Sindhuri was transferred within eight months of her posting in Hassan. A section of Congress leaders including A. Manju, Minister In-charge of Hassan district, had urged Chief Minister Siddharamaiah to transfer her from the district.

When her transfer order was issued on Jan. 22, JD(S) leaders, including former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, had criticised the government, alleging that she was being transferred as she did not allow corruption in the execution of civil works related to Mahamastakabhisheka. Leaders of the BJP had also staged protests opposing her transfer.

As per the new notification, B.B. Cauvery, former Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Kolar, has been posted as Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar district. S.B. Shettennavar, Director, Directorate of Ground Water, Bengaluru, has been posted as Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapura district while K.B. Sivakumar, who held the post until now, will assume the post of Dy. Commissioner, Mysuru.

B. Ramu, incumbent Deputy Commissioner Chamarajanagar district, was assigned as Commissioner, Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Bengaluru.

Farewell to D. Randeep

Mysuru, Mar.8 (US&RK)- The officers and staff of Deputy Commissioner's office extended a farewell to Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep at his office here this morning.

Randeep has been transferred to Hassan and will be replaced by K.B. Shivakumar who is expected to take charge tomorrow.

Additional DC T. Yogesh, Assistant Commissioner Shivegowda, officers of all department and staff exchanged pleasantries with Randeep.

Deputy Commissioner's wife Arpita and daughter Aarna were present. It may be recalled that Randeep had taken over as DC from C. Shikha on Dec. 8, 2016.

Musical nite by Bigg Boss winner Chandan Shetty on Mar. 24

Charity show in aid of visually impaired

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (US&RKB)- VSP Enterprises has organised a Charity musical nite by Chandan Shetty, winner of Bigg Boss 5 on Mar 24 at 6 pm at the open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri in city.

Disclosing this at a press meet at a private hotel in city yesterday VSP Enterprises Director Rakesh Manjunath said that the programme is organised to create awareness among people on eye donation. He further said that the proceeds of the show would be utilised for treatment of visually impaired people. He added that a few visually Challenged Children would be honoured on the occasion.

Rakesh said that it was proposed to register about 5,000 eye donors through the programme. He added that tickets could be booked online through Book My Show.

VSP Enterprises MD Dheeraj Prasad, Nandana Super Speciality Eye Hospital's Dr. Rajesh, Daniel and others were present.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Chinnada Gombe	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
3000	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Prema Baraha	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Preethiya Rayabhari	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Sarkar	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Pari: Not a Fairytale	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Veere Di Wedding	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Tower House	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Touch Chesi Chudu	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Bhaagamathie	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Vivegam	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Death Wish	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
RENOVATION WORKS UNDERWAY			
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Red Sparrow (E)	(S-1)	10.35 am
	(S-2)	7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 7.10 pm
		9.55 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Tholi Prema (Te)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Death Wish (E)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	(S-3)	11.00 am
Veere Di Wedding (H)	(S-3)	2.10 pm, 7.20 pm
Pari: Not a Fairytale (H)	(S-3)	4.40 pm, 9.55 pm
Tagaru (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm
		4.15 pm, 7.00, 9.45 pm

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Tagaru (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm
		4.00 pm, 6.45 pm
	(S-3)	9.40 pm
Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	9.45 pm
Padmaavat (H-3D)	(S-1)	9.25 pm
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	(S-3)	10.35 am, 9.40 pm
	(S-4)	4.25 pm
Pari: Not a Fairytale (H)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 6.35 pm
	(S-2)	9.30 pm
	(S-3)	3.55 pm
Red Sparrow (E)	(S-1)	12.50 pm
	(S-2)	6.45 pm
3000 (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Sarkar (K)	(S-4)	10.40 am
Preethiya Raayabhari (K)	(S-4)	1.35 pm
Death Wish (E)	(S-4)	7.20 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Nritya Namana in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar.8- Nrityagiri Performing Arts & Research Centre is hosting 'Nritya Namana' at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar here on Mar.9 (Friday) at 6.30 pm. The programme includes:

6.30 pm: Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Panchami Phadke.

7.30 pm: *Ramayana Darshanam,* a dance ballet by senior students of Nrityagiri — Vidu. G. Amruta, S.C. Kathyayini, Vidu. Vismitha, Suraksha, Tanuja Hedge, N.S. Akshatha, Ashika Rajan, Pooja sugam, Tejashree Murthy, N.S. Lakshmi; Musical ensemble — Nattuvanga - Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke, Vocal - Vidu. Deepu Nair, Mridanga - Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy, Flute - Vid. A.P. Krishna Prasad.

Panchami D. Phadke

PROFILE

Panchami D. Phadke: Daughter of Divakara Phadke and Shaila Phadke, hailing from Belthangadi, South Canara, Panchami Phadke is a promising young artiste of Nrityagiri.

She is a bonafide student of revered educational institutions like Balodhyana Central School, Kendriya Vidyalaya and SDM College, Mysuru. She is presently studying in the final year of MBA at M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bengaluru.

Panchami completed Vidwat in the year 2015 and Bharatanatya Ranagpravesham in the year 2016 under the guidance of Guru Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke.

She has actively participated in all the successful presentations of Nrityagiri. She received training from Vidu. Bhagyalakshmi in classical music and Dwarakanath in yoga.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR.8)

Co-optex Showroom, Shivarampet: 'Buy two - get one free' offer, Co-optex Showroom, #1468/D.33, Narayanashastry Road, Opp. More Mega Store, Shivarampet, **up to 8 pm.**

Kidzee, Ramakrishnanagar and Suyog Hospital: Bike Rally to mark Women's Day, cine artiste Deepa Ravishankar chief guest, Kidzee Ramakrishnagar, E&F Block, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Sapthashati,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Music Concert: International Women's Day, Veena concert by Karnataka Kalashree Vidu. M.K. Saraswathi along with her daughter Vidu. Rajyashree Josyer Srikanth and her granddaughter Aishwarya Manikarnika, accompanied by Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Sriram Bhat on khanjira, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Social Service unit, Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishvavidyalaya, Lashkar Mohalla Branch: International Women's Day celebrations, Rajayogi teacher B.K. Sharadaraji presides, Rajayoga Institution's Principal B.K. Ranganath will be present, former Hanur MLA Parimala Nagappa guest of honour; Competition for women, titled 'Samskrithiya Samrakshakalagi Mahile' (Woman as preserver of culture), Vishvavidyalaya, Lashkar Mohalla Branch, Irwin Road, **6.30 pm.**

Discourse: Discourse on 18th Chapter of Bhagavad Gita by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji of Arsha Vidya Ashrama, Sadvidya School, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR.9)

Discourse: Discourse on Upanishad by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji of Arsha Vidya Ashrama, Eshwara Temple's Shankara Prarthana Mandira, V.V. Puram, **7 am;** Discourse on 18th Chapter of Bhagavad Gita, Sadvidya School, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Srirampura: Special retreat in Kannada - preached by Rev. Fr. Franklin D'Souza, Be. T. K. George, Pro-life Manjula Joy and Br. William D'Souza, Chruch premises, **9 am to 5 pm.**

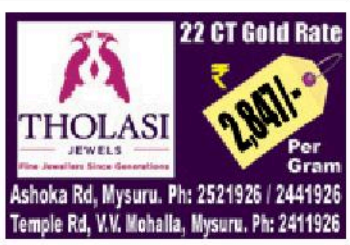
The Department of Botany and Physics, Teresian College and Rachana Energy Care: National-level Workshop on 'Sustainable Green Energy Technology for a Brighter Future of the Nation,' Ave Maria Golden Jubilee auditorium, Teresian College, **9.30 am to 4.30 pm.**

Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Mysuru: 16th year annual celebrations, M. Jagannath Shenoy, Managing Director, Mangaore Ganesha Beedies, Mysuru, inaugurates, B.S. Sridharraje Urs, President, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, presides; Music Programme — Vocal recital by Vidu. Aishwarya Vidya Raghunath, accompanied by Vid. Srinidhi Mattur (violin), Vis. Tumkur Ravishankar (mridanga) and Vid. Sharath Koushik (ghata), Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

Shaktidhama: Inauguration of Skill Centre and Women's Hostel Complex by CM Siddharamaiah, M.N. Sumana of Shaktidhama presides, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Women & Child Welfare Minister Umashree, Primary & Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait, MLA M.K. Smashekar, MLC Jayamala chief guests, cine artistes

Shivaraj Kumar and Punith Rajkumar special invitees, Shaktidhama premises, near JSS College-Ooty Road, **6.30 pm.**

Parivartana Ranga Samaja, Kalasuruchi and Arivu Trust and Karnataka Nataka Academy: Mysore Science Theatre Festival-2018, ISRO Engineer C.R. Satya; Staging of Devid Auburn's play 'Proof' by Samatento, Mysuru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**



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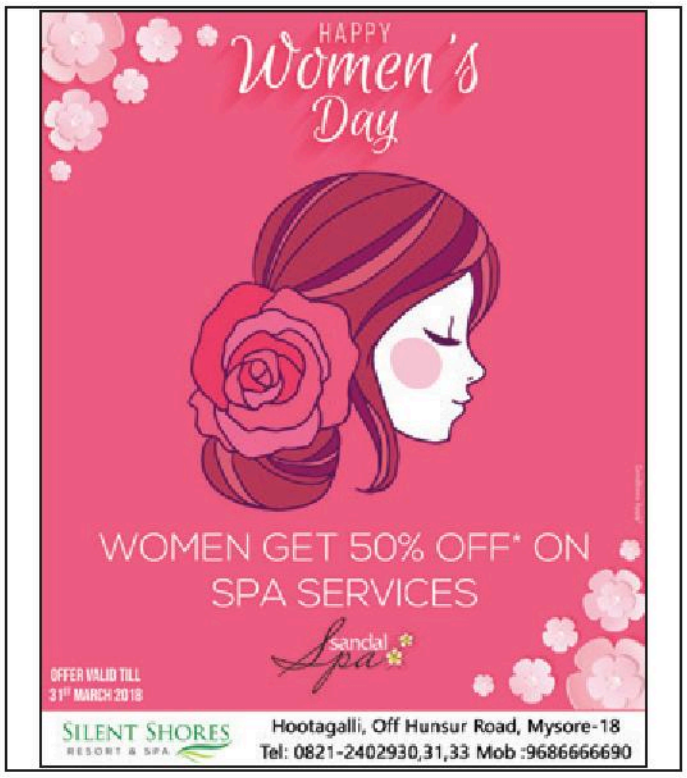
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